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Interviews: 1,002 adults
Dates: June 9-12, 2006

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,002 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>High 9/01</u>	<u>Low 7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction....	27	24	26	31	30	26	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	61	67	62	57	59	63	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	7	9	10	8	8	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	3	3	6	6	
		<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
		28	32	34	35	34	42	40	
		59	57	52	52	51	48	47	
		10	8	12	10	12	8	10	
		3	3	2	3	3	2	3	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		41	39	39	36	36	36	33	
		46	48	49	50	48	48	50	
		11	10	10	12	14	14	14	
		2	3	2	2	2	2	3	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		41	47	56	41	43	38	42	
		49	43	30	48	47	50	44	
		5	6	9	8	6	8	9	
		5	4	5	3	3	4	4	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
		49	62	36	43	44	42	40	
		38	22	47	42	42	43	42	
		8	13	14	13	14	12	14	
		5	3	3	2	-	3	4	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>	
	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	48	
	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	32	
	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	18	
	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	9	[139-140]
25-29.....	7	55-59.....	10	
30-34.....	12	60-64.....	8	
35-39.....	6	65-69.....	5	
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	8	
		Refused.....	1	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2d. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	89	[143]
Not registered.....	11	
Not sure.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/06</u>	[144]
Approve.....	37	36	37	39	39	38	88	36	
Disapprove.....	58	57	58	54	55	57	7	57	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	7	6	5	5	5	
		<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>		
		39	40	46	47	48	50		
		54	55	49	47	46	45		
		7	5	5	6	6	5		
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>		
		50	49	49	47	47	48		
		44	44	47	48	48	46		
		6	7	4	5	5	6		
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>		
		45	47	50	54	58	52		
		49	46	46	41	34	41		
		6	7	5	6	9	7		
		<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>		
		51	49	56	62	71	66		
		44	45	38	31	23	29		
		5	6	6	7	6	5		
		<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>		
		67	62	61	54	62	63		
		28	33	31	40	33	31		
		5	5	8	6	5	6		
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
		64	67	69	75	74	57		
		30	27	23	18	20	22		
		6	6	8	7	6	21		

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>6/06*</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>11/05</u>	[145]
Approve.....	38	35	36	40	38	34	63	34	
Disapprove.....	56	60	58	53	54	60	25	60	
Not sure.....	6	5	6	7	8	6	12	6	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		40	39	43	41	46	47	44	
		55	54	51	53	50	47	51	
		5	7	6	6	4	6	5	
		<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		45	45	43	45	41	45	49	
		52	51	52	49	53	51	45	
		3	4	5	6	6	4	6	
		<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
		48	50	43	45	47	49	44	
		46	44	52	48	45	42	49	
		6	5	6	7	8	9	7	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
		47	48	48	49	57	61	63	
		45	44	43	43	34	30	27	
		8	8	9	8	9	9	10	
		<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>						
		63	52						
		25	27						
		12	21						

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>6/06**</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>12/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/06</u>	[146]
Approve.....	35	32	38	35	36	45	82	32	
Disapprove.....	61	61	57	59	56	51	12	61	
Not sure.....	4	7	5	6	8	4	6	7	
		<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>		
		42	42	44	46	45	48		
		52	50	50	49	51	46		
		6	8	6	5	4	6		
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>		
		44	44	44	43	45	47		
		51	52	52	51	51	48		
		5	4	4	6	4	5		
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
		54	56	48	48	47	55		
		41	37	47	48	46	39		
		5	7	5	4	7	6		
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
		63	70	51	57	58	55		
		31	24	42	36	35	34		
		6	6	7	7	7	11		
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
		62	64	68	81	82	53		
		28	28	26	13	12	20		
		10	8	6	6	6	27		

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	[147]
Approve.....	35	33	35	39	36	
Disapprove.....	61	62	61	56	60	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	5	4	
		<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		32	37	39	44	
		64	58	55	52	
		4	5	6	4	

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>6/06</u>		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/92+</u>	[148]
Approve.....	23	Skip to Q.6	22	33	29	25	61	15	
Disapprove.....	64	CONTINUE	65	53	56	60	28	78	
Not sure.....	13	Skip to Q.6	13	14	15	15	11	7	
			<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
			28	29	28	33	39	41	
			57	53	55	51	46	40	
			15	18	17	16	15	19	
			<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
			40	39	46	39	43	39	
			42	43	41	47	45	45	
			18	18	13	14	11	16	
			<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
			42	43	42	44	44	40	
			45	43	39	39	40	44	
			13	14	19	17	16	16	
			<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
			34	43	54	57	47	43	
			48	41	29	29	34	33	
			18	16	17	14	19	24	
			<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	
			45	45	48	55	49	46	
			32	32	35	30	35	41	
			23	23	17	15	16	13	
			<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
			46	43	42	43	48	45	
			42	46	44	40	36	42	
			12	11	14	17	16	13	
			<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
			42	40	43	40	49	41	
			45	49	41	42	38	45	
			13	11	16	18	13	14	
			<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>			
			50	44	48	43			
			40	42	39	43			
			10	14	13	14			

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5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[149]
June 2006.....	18	21	9	15	37	-	
April 2006.....	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006.....	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005.....	23	19	10	13	35	-	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	

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Q 5 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Democratic Party							[150/155]
June 2006.....	10	25	25	22	17	1	
April 2006.....	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[151/156]
June 2006.....	10	24	18	21	26	1	
April 2006.....	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006.....	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[152]
June 2006 *	11	29	29	11	5	15	
April 2006.....	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+.....	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+.....	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002.....	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002.....	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
Al Gore							[153]
June 2006 *	10	20	25	17	25	3	
December 13, 2003.....	9	24	19	20	26	3	
December 2002.....	11	20	22	17	27	3	
October 2002+.....	7	18	24	19	30	2	
June 2002.....	11	21	28	17	20	3	
January 2002.....	12	21	31	15	18	3	
June 2001.....	14	24	25	17	18	2	
March 2001.....	16	25	22	17	19	1	
January 2001.....	22	29	15	15	18	1	
December 2000.....	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	24	25	11	15	25	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2002+.....	7	18	24	19	30	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI							[154]
June 2006 *.....	13	29	35	15	5	3	
June 2002.....	10	30	24	21	12	3	
July 1995.....	15	34	25	15	8	3	
Newt Gingrich							[157]
June 2006 **.....	6	12	29	13	20	20	
October 1998+.....	8	19	24	19	27	3	
September 1998.....	9	24	25	18	20	4	
July 1998.....	7	18	28	18	23	6	
June 1998.....	7	18	27	21	23	4	
April 1998.....	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998.....	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998.....	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997.....	7	17	24	18	29	5	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1997.....	6	15	18	25	30	6	
Oil companies							[158]
June 2006 **.....	4	7	17	23	48	1	
The Central Intelligence Agency, or CIA							[159]
June 2006 **.....	10	21	32	17	11	9	
June 2002.....	9	22	29	24	12	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

6. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	
10, very interested.....	47	49	45	46	[160-161]
9.....	8	7	7	7	
8.....	17	17	18	15	
7.....	9	10	11	12	
6.....	5	5	5	5	
5.....	8	7	7	7	
4.....	1	2	1	2	
3.....	2	-	2	1	
2.....	1	1	1	1	
1, not interested at all.....	2	2	3	4	
Cannot rate.....	-	-	-	-	

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7. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	38	39	37	38	38	37	39	[162]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	49	45	50	47	46	48	48	
Not sure.....	13	16	13	15	16	15	13	

	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/29- 31/04+</u>	<u>10/16- 18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>
	40	40	43	44	42	42
	45	47	44	44	46	44
	15	13	13	12	12	14
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
	41	42	42	42	43	42
	44	45	43	42	42	42
	15	13	15	16	15	16
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>
	43	42	44	42	40	39
	41	41	40	40	44	41
	16	17	16	18	16	20
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>
	39	42	41	37	41	40
	43	41	40	43	43	39
	18	17	19	20	16	21

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Q.7 (cont'd)	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>
Republican-controlled Congress.....	41	39	37	41	40	41
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	40	40	41	37	42	37
Not sure.....	19	21	22	22	18	22
	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>
	41	45	44	41	42	44
	39	39	38	38	41	38
	20	16	18	21	17	18

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q2d.)

8. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	42	41	41	41	37	42	49	[163]
Give new person a chance.....	45	48	46	44	51	45	34	
Not sure.....	13	11	13	15	12	13	17	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>		
	42	41	50	49	49	42		
	39	42	35	38	39	47		
	19	17	15	13	12	11		
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>		
	48	41	39	30	34	35		
	37	45	49	53	50	47		
	15	14	12	17	16	18		
	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>		
	34	37	30	31	31	27		
	52	47	55	56	56	62		
	14	16	15	13	13	11		
	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>	
	33	37	42	35	40	39	41	
	57	52	48	52	48	48	36	
	10	11	10	13	12	13	23	

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

9. In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

	<u>6/06+ *</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	
Position on national issues.....	37	43	44	35	[164]
Performance in district.....	40	38	40	51	
Both/neither (VOL).....	21	18	15	13	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

10. And is your vote for Congress this November more about expressing your general feeling about the direction the country is going in, or more about a specific issue or issues that you care strongly about? + **

More about general feeling of the direction of the country.....	52	[165]
More about specific issue or issues.....	33	
Some of both (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

11. Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

	6/06+	4/06+	3/06+	11/05+	10/02+ ¹	Bill Clinton 10/98+ ²	
A vote to send signal of support for Bush.....	21	21	20	21	31	28	[166]
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush.....	38	31	37	39	19	23	
Not a signal either way about Bush.....	39	45	41	36	49	49	
Do not plan to vote (VOL).....	-	-	-	1	-	NA	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	1	-	

¹ In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?"

² In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

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12a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.12a.)

12b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	Q.12a Top Priority			Q.12a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities		
	6/06	4/06		6/06	4/06	
The war in Iraq.....	22	19	CONTINUE	38	36	[167-170]
Health care.....	14	14		28	30	
Illegal immigration.....	14	11		28	24	
Job creation and economic growth.....	13	11		26	24	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	11	19		28	39	
Terrorism	11	11		23	22	
Reducing the federal budget deficit.....	7	NA		17	NA	
Iran's nuclear program.....	4	6	Skip to Q.13a	10	14	
Other (VOL).....	1	1		1	1	
All equally (VOL).....	3	4		1	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-		-	-	
Not sure.....	-	-		-	-	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

13. I'm going to read you some positions that someone running for Congress could take. For each one, please tell me whether you would be more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who takes this position, less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference to you either way? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE

	More Likely To Vote	Less Likely To Vote	No Difference Either Way	Not Sure	
Favors increasing the minimum wage from five dollars and fifteen cents per hour to six dollars and sixty-five cents per hour.....	54	25	20	1	[172/180]
Favors pulling all American troops out of Iraq within the next twelve months.....	54	32	10	4	[175/210]
Favors increasing border security by building a fence along the border with Mexico.....	50	26	22	2	[174/209]
Favors repealing the estate tax *.....	48	18	27	7	[177]
Favors keeping abortion legal *.....	46	33	19	2	[178]
Favors adding an amendment to the Constitution that bans flag burning.....	44	27	27	2	[173/208]
Favors making the recent capital gains tax cuts permanent **.....	41	24	25	10	[212]
Favors a guest worker program for illegal immigrants who have been in the United States at least two years.....	40	34	21	5	[176/211]
Favors making abortion illegal, except in cases of rape, incest, or when the health of the mother is at risk **.....	40	42	16	2	[213]
Favors adding an amendment to the Constitution that bans gay marriages.....	37	39	22	2	[171/179]

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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

14. And of the issues I just mentioned, which one or two are going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress this November? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to pick just two, which would you pick? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Iraq.....	53	[214]
Illegal immigration.....	32	
Abortion.....	21	
Tax cuts.....	19	
Gay marriage.....	16	
The minimum wage.....	14	
Flag burning.....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

15. Now I'm going to read you two statements. Please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: In a time of war when we have a Republican president, it is much better to have a majority of Republicans in the House and Senate as well to provide the president with the kind of support and unity needed on both the domestic and international fronts. OR

Statement B: When issues like prescription drugs and the environment are being debated and we have a Republican President, it is much better to have a majority of Democrats in the House and Senate to provide checks and balances when it comes to these domestic issues.

	6/06*	6/02	
Statement A /Majority of Republicans better.....	32	37	[215]
Statement B /Majority of Democrats better.....	58	48	
Depends (VOL).....	5	9	
Not sure.....	5	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16. Which of the following represents the bigger concern to you regarding the results of this November's Congressional election?

Statement A: The Republicans continue to control Congress, and there is not enough change in the current policies on issues such as health care, Iraq, and the budget deficit.

Statement B: The Democrats take over control of Congress, and they make the wrong kinds of changes in the current policies on issues such as immigration, taxes, and national defense. **

Statement A / Republicans continue to control, not enough change.....	51	[216]
Statement B /Democrats take control, wrong kind of change.....	36	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. Some leaders of the Democratic Party have indicated that if the Democrats take control of Congress after the next election, they will investigate the Bush administration's actions in a number of areas. For each of the following areas, do you think this is something that Congress should or should not investigate?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SHOULD INVESTIGATE

	Should <u>Investigate</u>	Should NOT <u>Investigate</u>	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Energy prices and the activities of the administration's energy task force.	69	26	2	3	[218]
The administration's use of intelligence leading up to the Iraq war.....	57	40	2	1	[217]
The administration's authorizing of the National Security Agency to wiretap American citizens suspected of having links to terrorists without a court order.....	53	44	2	1	[219]

18. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ADVANTAGE

	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	Neither	Not Sure	
Protecting the environment							[234]
June 2006 **.....	D-37	49	12	22	13	4	
November 2005.....	D-39	49	10	21	13	7	
January 2004.....	D-33	51	18	20	9	3	
December 13, 2003.....	D-34	54	20	15	7	5	
June 2002.....	D-30	44	14	26	11	5	
June 2001.....	D-37	52	15	21	7	5	
December 1999.....	D-29	43	14	25	11	7	
September 1998.....	D-33	45	12	30	9	4	
May 1996.....	D-28	45	17	18	3	7	
December 1995.....	D-32	45	13	20	13	9	
October 1993.....	D-29	44	15	13	22	6	
July 1992+.....	D-27	38	11	27	18	6	
Dealing with prescription drugs for seniors							[223]
June 2006 *.....	D-36	46	10	22	18	4	
March 2006.....	D-29	39	10	22	20	9	
January 2004.....	D-21	42	20	19	13	5	
December 13, 2003.....	D-20	41	21	15	14	10	
October 2002+.....	D-28	44	16	18	14	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with health care							[221]
June 2006 *.....	D-35	48	13	19	16	4	
March 2006.....	D-31	43	12	21	19	5	
November 2005.....	D-26	43	17	17	18	5	
December 2004.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
January 2004.....	D-26	48	22	18	10	2	
December 13, 2003.....	D-18	43	25	14	13	6	
October 2002+.....	D-25	46	21	19	11	3	
June 2002.....	D-22	38	16	23	18	5	
June 2001.....	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999.....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999.....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
October 1991.....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	
Dealing with gas prices							[230]
June 2006 **.....	D-32	40	8	22	24	6	
November 2005.....	D-28	39	11	19	24	7	
Reducing the federal deficit							[224]
June 2006 *.....	D-25	40	15	21	20	4	
November 2005.....	D-19	38	19	15	22	6	
January 2004.....	D-11	37	26	18	15	4	
December 13, 2003.....	D-13	38	25	12	16	10	
September 1997.....	R-8	23	31	22	18	6	
October 1996.....	R-3	29	32	11	19	9	
June 1995.....	R-21	16	37	17	26	4	
October 1993.....	D-4	27	23	27	18	5	
March 1993.....	D-23	39	16	23	18	4	
April 1992+.....	D-1	20	19	18	37	6	
October 1991+.....	R-5	24	29	16	24	7	
October 1990+.....	R-2	25	27	19	23	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with energy policy							[226]
June 2006 *	D-24	40	16	21	18	5	
November 2005.....	D-16	35	19	20	19	7	
January 2004.....	D-11	37	25	22	10	6	
December 13, 2003.....	D-11	36	25	15	11	12	
June 2001.....	D-8	35	27	19	10	9	
Dealing with Social Security							[232]
June 2006 **.....	D-23	41	18	17	17	7	
November 2005.....	D-22	44	22	13	16	5	
December 2004.....	D-15	38	23	20	13	6	
January 2004.....	D-20	45	25	16	11	3	
December 13, 2003.....	D-15	39	24	18	13	7	
October 2002+.....	D-23	43	20	19	13	5	
June 2002.....	D-15	36	21	26	12	5	
June 2001.....	D-15	38	23	22	11	6	
December 1999.....	D-15	38	23	18	14	7	
March 1999.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
October 1998+.....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998.....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998.....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	
September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8	
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8	
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8	
November 1994.....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.18 (cont'd)

	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with the economy							[237]
June 2006 **.....	D-16	41	25	17	14	3	
March 2006.....	D-12	39	27	20	11	3	
November 2005.....	D-14	39	25	17	14	5	
December 2004.....	D-9	39	30	20	7	4	
July 2004+.....	D-8	40	32	19	7	2	
January 2004+.....	R-2	36	38	15	8	2	
December 13, 2003.....	R-1	37	38	14	7	5	
October 2002+.....	D-6	36	30	21	9	4	
June 2002.....	D-1	32	31	24	9	4	
June 2001.....	D-6	37	31	20	6	6	
December 1999.....	D-3	34	31	24	7	4	
March 1999.....	D-6	35	29	26	6	4	
September 1998.....	-	31	31	29	6	3	
September 1997.....	R-9	25	34	26	9	6	
October 1996.....	D-4	36	32	15	10	7	
May 1996+.....	R-4	26	30	27	14	3	
December 1995.....	R-8	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	R-12	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	R-8	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	R-11	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	R-5	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	R-5	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993.....	D-16	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+.....	D-8	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	D-6	29	23	26	17	5	
January 1992+.....	D-5	28	23	33	12	4	
October 1991+.....	R-1	27	28	26	14	5	
Dealing with gay marriage							[236]
June 2006 **.....	D-14	35	21	16	20	8	
January 2004.....	D-2	31	28	16	14	11	
December 13, 2003.....	D-7	33	26	10	13	17	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with foreign policy							[235]
June 2006 **.....	D-9	35	26	22	11	6	
November 2005.....	D-9	36	27	18	11	8	
January 2004.....	R-15	29	43	19	6	3	
December 13, 2003.....	R-13	28	41	15	7	9	
June 2002.....	R-18	19	37	28	8	8	
December 1999.....	R-10	23	33	28	9	7	
March 1999.....	R-5	25	30	31	6	8	
September 1998.....	R-10	23	33	34	6	4	
October 1994.....	R-19	15	34	34	12	5	
October 1993.....	R-27	10	37	11	39	3	
July 1992+.....	R-33	15	48	24	7	6	
Dealing with ethics in government							[227]
June 2006 *.....	D-7	24	17	24	32	3	
March 2006.....	D-6	25	19	29	22	5	
November 2005 ¹	D-5	27	22	19	26	6	
Dealing with taxes							[222]
June 2006 *.....	D-6	35	29	18	16	2	
March 2006.....	D-9	35	26	21	15	3	
November 2005.....	D-10	40	30	14	12	4	
January 2004.....	R-2	35	37	16	10	2	
December 13, 2003.....	R-3	34	37	12	9	9	
October 2002+.....	R-5	31	36	17	11	5	
June 2002.....	R-6	27	33	20	15	5	
June 2001.....	R-8	28	36	20	11	5	
December 1999.....	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999.....	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
October 1998+.....	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998.....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
September 1997.....	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1996.....	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+.....	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995.....	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994.....	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994.....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993.....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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¹In November 2005, the item was phrased, "Promoting ethics in government."

Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with Iraq							[228]
June 2006 *	D-3	33	30	20	12	5	
March 2006	R-3	27	30	21	16	6	
November 2005	D-3	33	30	14	17	6	
December 2004	R-15	27	42	17	10	4	
July 2004+	R-8	31	39	16	10	4	
January 2004+	R-27	22	49	14	12	4	
December 13, 2003	R-21	24	45	13	7	11	
October 2002+	R-30	17	47	21	8	7	
Dealing with immigration							[220/229]
June 2006	D-3	27	24	22	20	7	
November 2005	D-6	25	19	21	26	9	
Dealing with the war on terrorism							[231]
June 2006 **	R-6	27	33	23	12	5	
November 2005	R-9	26	35	23	11	5	
December 2004	R-18	24	42	22	7	5	
January 2004	R-24	23	46	22	6	3	
December 13, 2003	R-26	20	46	19	9	5	
October 2002+	R-36	13	49	27	6	5	
Promoting strong moral values							[233]
June 2006 **	R-10	23	33	22	18	4	
November 2005	R-17	18	35	22	21	4	
December 2004	R-21	21	42	22	12	3	
January 2004	R-22	23	45	18	13	2	
December 13, 2003	R-23	20	42	15	15	8	
June 2001	R-22	18	40	23	16	3	
December 1999	R-21	16	37	23	20	4	
Ensuring a strong national defense							[225]
June 2006 *	R-24	18	42	30	8	2	
November 2005	R-21	22	43	20	9	6	
January 2004	R-37	16	53	22	7	2	
December 13, 2003	R-35	18	54	18	5	4	
June 2002	R-39	11	50	29	4	6	
June 2001	R-41	14	55	21	5	5	
December 1999	R-28	18	46	24	6	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. As you may know, there have been a number of allegations of ethics violations and misconduct by members of Congress. Do you think this Congress has had more ethical problems than those in the past, fewer ethical problems than those in the past, or about the same number of ethical problems as those in the past? *

More ethical problems.....	33	[238]
Fewer ethical problems.....	3	
About the same number of ethical problems.....	60	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

20. Which party do you think is more influenced by special interests and lobbyists—the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>6/06 **</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	
Democratic Party.....	21	22	26	28	30	32	[239]
Republican Party.....	33	36	27	30	29	29	
Both equally (VOL).....	38	33	35	28	30	28	
Not sure.....	8	9	12	14	11	11	
		<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
		30	33	27	32	32	
		30	30	28	29	34	
		30	28	36	28	23	
		10	9	9	11	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	18		[240]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13		
Strictly independent.....	21		
Independent/lean Republican.....	12		
Not very strong Republican.....	7	Skip to Q.23	
Strong Republican.....	15		
Other.....	4	CONTINUE	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	Skip to Q.24	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY DEMOCRAT, INDEPENDENT, OR OTHER IN Q.21.)

22. Which one or two of the following things would you say cause you the most concern about the Democratic Party? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Too willing to increase taxes and spending.....	22	[241]
Favor withdrawal from Iraq too soon.....	19	>
Not doing enough to deal with illegal immigration.....	19	
Too liberal on social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage....	19	
Not strong enough on terrorism and national security.....	18	
Too supportive of labor unions and liberal groups.....	12	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	15	
Not sure.....	5	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY REPUBLICAN, INDEPENDENT, OR OTHER IN Q.21.)

23. Which one or two of the following things would you say cause you the most concern about the Republican Party? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Not doing enough to control federal spending and the budget deficit.....	37	[242-243]
Not doing enough to deal with illegal immigration.....	30	>
Unwilling to reassess and find a new policy on Iraq.....	22	
Too conservative on social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage.....	13	
Too supportive of the Christian Right and conservative groups.....	13	
Too willing to support President Bush's programs.....	10	
Going too far in dealing with illegal immigration.....	8	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

Now thinking about the economy . . .

24. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>6/06*</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	[244]
Economy has gotten better.....	21	23	23	22	21	17	20	31	30	
Economy has gotten worse.....	42	44	36	37	44	45	42	28	34	
Economy has stayed about the same.....	36	32	39	39	33	37	37	40	35	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
		29	29	37	39	35	35	43	45	
		36	33	31	28	33	34	23	27	
		34	37	30	31	31	29	34	27	
		1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	
		<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	
		38	27	23	18	6	7	17	6	
		29	41	42	44	65	57	44	73	
		31	30	34	36	28	35	38	20	
		1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	
		2	3	6	8	9	11	8	3	
		78	74	67	57	64	54	64	73	
		19	22	26	33	26	35	27	23	
		1	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	
	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
	3	6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
	72	57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
	24	35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

25. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>6/06**</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	[245]
Economy will get better.....	16	17	24	24	26	16	28	43	43	
Economy will get worse.....	39	44	27	30	34	49	30	17	10	
Economy will stay about the same.....	43	36	46	42	37	32	36	36	33	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	4	3	3	6	4	14	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		43	42	44	50	53	49	44	45	
		13	16	18	10	10	15	19	16	
		33	34	35	37	33	33	33	34	
		11	8	3	3	3	3	4	4	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
		49	35	40	41	39	41	50	50	
		17	25	20	20	18	20	13	15	
		31	37	35	34	39	37	32	32	
		3	3	5	5	4	2	5	3	
		<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	
		36	28	17	19	19	21	20	24	
		25	29	24	22	22	21	21	23	
		34	37	54	53	57	52	54	50	
		5	6	5	6	2	6	5	3	
	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
	31	31	28	28	27	29	44	43	21	
	17	24	24	17	21	16	16	19	27	
	46	40	44	52	49	52	36	34	50	
	6	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31	
	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24	
	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40	
	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

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26a. I'm going to read you some positive points that have been made about the economy.

America's economy is on the fast track. Over the past year, nearly two million new jobs have been created, and employment has increased in nearly every state. Consumer spending increased in the first quarter of this year, and the economy has grown at the fastest rate since 2003. The unemployment rate now is lower than the average unemployment rate in each of the past four decades. And the tax cuts of the past few years have put an extra eight hundred and eighty billion dollars in Americans' wallets.

How well does this statement reflect your own personal view of the economy--extremely well, quite well, just somewhat well, or not at all well?

Extremely well.....	9	Skip to Q.27	[246]
Quite well.....	17		
Just somewhat well.....	34	CONTINUE	
Not at all well.....	39		
Not sure.....	1	Skip to Q.27	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY JUST SOMEWHAT WELL OR NOT AT ALL WELL IN Q.26a.)

26b. Now I'm going to mention elements of the economy that some people have given as reasons for why they do not feel the economy is in good shape. Please tell me which one or two cause you the most concern. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which would you say cause you the MOST concern?

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The high price of health care and education.....	42	[247-248]
The high price of gas.....	35	>
The large federal budget deficit.....	27	
Increasing cost of living.....	26	
Lack of job security.....	16	
Rising interest rates.....	6	
Declines in the stock market.....	4	
All (VOL).....	8	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

Now I have some questions about the topic of immigration.

27. Would you say that: immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, OR immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Helps more than it hurts.....	44	45	37	[249]
Hurts more than it helps.....	45	45	53	
Not sure.....	11	10	10	

28. When it comes to the immigration bill, the Senate and the House of Representatives disagree with one another about what should be done on the issue of illegal immigration.

Many in the House of Representatives favor strengthening security at the borders, including building a seven-hundred-mile fence along the border with Mexico to help keep illegal immigrants from entering the United States, and they favor deporting immigrants who are already in the United States illegally.

Many in the Senate favor strengthening security at the borders, including building a three-hundred-and-seventy-mile fence along the border with Mexico to help keep illegal immigrants from entering the United States, and they favor a guest worker program to allow illegal immigrants who have jobs and who have been here for more than two years to remain in the United States.

Which of these approaches would you prefer?

Prefer House approach--700-mile fence, deport illegal immigrants....	33	[250]
Prefer Senate approach--370-mile fence, guest worker program.....	50	
Prefer neither (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	3	

29. How upset will you be if Congress does not pass an immigration bill by the end of its current session--very upset, somewhat upset, not too upset, or not at all upset?

Very upset.....	22	[251]
Somewhat upset.....	27	
Not too upset.....	22	
Not upset at all.....	27	
Not sure.....	2	

30. If Congress is unable to come to agreement on an immigration bill before the end of its current term who do you think will be most to blame—the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or President Bush?

The Republicans in Congress.....	17	[252]
The Democrats in Congress.....	15	
President Bush.....	24	
All equally to blame (VOL).....	33	
Not sure.....	11	

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

31a. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>6/06*</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	
Worth it.....	40	40	39	42	41	40	40	[253]
Not worth it.....	52	52	51	48	49	52	51	
Depends (VOL).....	4	4	6	5	5	5	4	
Not sure.....	4	4	4	5	5	3	5	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
		37	44	40	44	44	40	
		51	49	51	48	49	52	
		5	4	4	4	3	3	
		7	3	5	4	4	5	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		43	41	40	43	43	40	
		48	50	52	49	47	51	
		6	4	3	4	4	5	
		3	5	5	4	6	4	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		42	50	52	53	45	45	
		47	45	40	37	42	46	
		5	1	2	5	6	3	
		6	4	5	5	6	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31b. Looking at how things stand in Iraq today, do you feel that the decision to attack Iraq was the right decision or do you feel it was the wrong decision? **

Right decision.....	41	[254]
Wrong decision.....	53	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

32a. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops now that Iraq has adopted a constitution?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REDUCE NUMBER OF TROOPS" IN Q.32a.)

32b. And do you think that the United States should reduce its number of troops but NOT have a timeline for withdrawal of all troops, or should the United States reduce its number of troops and have a target deadline for withdrawal of all troops within a year?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u> ¹	
Maintain current troop level.....	35..	31	28	35	36	34	36	[255-256]
Reduce number of troops.....	57..	61	66	60	56	58	55	
WITHOUT timeline for withdrawal.....	16..	17	21	16	11	NA	NA	
WITH timeline for withdrawal.....	38..	41	43	42	42	NA	NA	
Depends/not sure when to reduce (VOL).....	2..	3	2	2	3	NA	NA	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5..	5	3	3	4	3	4	
Not sure.....	4..	3	3	2	4	5	5	
		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u> ²	<u>12/04</u>	
		41	40	43	41	42	45	
		48	53	49	50	48	41	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		5	4	4	4	6	9	
		6	3	4	5	4	5	

¹ Prior to September 2005, the question was phrased, "... or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?"

² Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . ."

33. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>6/06</u> *	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
More confident.....	38	33	32	39	32	35	36	[257]
Less confident.....	53	57	57	50	58	56	55	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	5	6	6	6	4	5	
Not sure.....	4	5	5	5	4	5	4	
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	
	40	44	47	41	41	46	37	
	50	45	43	48	48	41	53	
	6	6	5	6	6	8	5	
	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. Based on what you have seen happening in Iraq over the course of the past month, do you feel more optimistic or more pessimistic about the way things are going in Iraq? **

More optimistic.....	46	[258]
Less optimistic.....	44	
No difference (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. Looking ahead, how likely do you think it is that America's involvement in Iraq eventually will be successful--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	6/9- 12/06*	6/1-4/06 ¹	
Very likely.....	18	16	[259]
Somewhat likely.....	36	27	
Somewhat unlikely.....	20	21	
Very unlikely.....	25	31	
Not sure.....	1	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹Comparative data taken from a survey conducted by Garin-Hart-Yang from June 1-4, 2006.

36. As you may have heard, the man who was leading al Qaeda's attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq was recently killed in an airstrike. Do you think this will improve the situation in Iraq a lot, improve the situation a little, or have no effect on the situation? **

Will improve the situation a lot.....	16	[260]
Will improve the situation a little.....	37	
Will have no effect on the situation.....	43	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

37. How much have you seen, heard, or read about a group of Marines in Iraq who allegedly killed Iraqi civilians in the city of Haditha—a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

A great deal.....	27	[261]
A fair amount.....	27	
Just some.....	20	
Very little.....	22	
Nothing (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

38. It was recently reported that a group of Marines were allegedly involved in killing two dozen Iraqi citizens in the city of Haditha. Do you feel that their actions should be treated as a criminal activity or do you think that this is just something that happens during a period of war and the Marines should be reprimanded but not brought up on criminal charges?

Should be treated as criminal activity.....	33	[262]
Happens during war/should be reprimanded but no criminal charges...	49	
Depends (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	8	

39. Do you think this incident will cause a setback in the United States' relationship with the Muslim world, or will it have no effect on the United States' relationship with the Muslim world? *

Will cause a setback in the United States' relationship with the Muslim world.....	62	[263]
Will have no effect on the United States' relationship with the Muslim world.....	33	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

40. Do you think this incident was an isolated incident or a common one? **

Isolated incident.....	57	[264]
Common one.....	32	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

On another topic . . .

41. From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

	<u>6/06</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Global climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary.....	29	23	[265]
There is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken.....	30	28	
We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before we take any actions.....	28	32	
Concern about global climate change is unwarranted.....	9	11	
Not sure.....	4	6	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	38	[266]
John Kerry.....	36	
Someone else.....	5	
Refused (VOL).....	2	
Did Not Vote	17	
Not sure.....	2	

F2. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	21	[267-274]
White-collar worker.....	17	
Blue-collar worker.....	17	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	8	
Retired.....	25	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[275-276]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	28	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[277]
Moderate.....	36	
Conservative.....	37	
Not sure.....	5	

F5a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	53	CONTINUE	[278]
Catholic.....	22		
Jewish.....	1	Skip to Q.F6	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	8		
None.....	13	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F5a.)

F5b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[279]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	50	
Not sure.....	7	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F5a).....	23	

F6. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	[280]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	21	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	38	
Not sure.....	3	

F7. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	9	[308]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	82	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[309]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	19	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	13	
More than \$100,000.....	13	
Not sure/refused.....	15	